attempt is being made by the Department of Bio-Technology and Indian Council of Medical Research to develop an error-free kit for detection of AIDS Virus. Uptill now three systems namely (i) A Western immuno blot using whole virus lysate (Indian Isolates) at the Cancer Research Institute, Mumbai (ii) an Elia using synthetic peptides at the National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi and (iii) An agglutination based assay utilising a drop of blood from suspected individual and re-combination reagents are being tried. They have been evaluated at the National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Calcutta, Post Graduate Institute for Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, National AIDS Research Institute, Pune and Christian Medical College, Vellore and Phase I reports are available which say Western Immuno Blot using the whole virus lysate is 100% sensitive and 98% specific. The other two systems namely Elisa and Agglutination have high degree of sensitivity (99% and 98% respectively) and specificity (98% and 95% respectively). Phase II of the Validation is now being attempted.

(c) and (d) The Technology for the development of recombinant reagents for testing of HIV I & II virus with the single drop blood has been patented. Efforts are being made to involve industries for taking up the three test systems/assay for large scale production.

Central Fund for Establishment of Sub-Centres, PHCs and CHCs in Tribal Areas of Gujarat

3283. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided Central Fund for the establishment of Sub-centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres in Tribal areas of Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and number of centres established during the said period, district-wise;

(c) whether such centres have been established in all the tribal dominated areas of the State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres are established and maintained by the State Government under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme. After 1990 on grant was given by the Central Government for opening additional sub-centres. (b) Centre does not maintain district-wise details.

(c) and (d) As per the available information 1929 sub-centres, 227 Primary Health Centres and 37 Community Health Centres are functioning in the tribal areas of Gujarat.

Blatant violation of Legislation on Health Warnings to Smokers

3284. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cigarette Companies are blatantly defying the legislation on Health warnings to smokers by a massive compaign of glossy hoardings and advertisements in which the warnings are virtually illegible; and

(b) if so, what steps Government intend to take to see that the health of the nation, particularly younger people is not jeopardised in this fashion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The minimum size of the lettering and the languages in which the warning has to be printed

have been specified under the Cigarettes (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975 as a minimum of three millimeters for the size of each letter. However a specific size of lettering for hoardings and other advertisements has not eben specified.

A more comprehensive legislation providing inter-alia for a statutory warning on packages of all types of tobacco products indicating the contents of the warning, the size of the letters and languages in which these will be printed is under formulation. To discourage smoking, Health education activities are also undertaken.

Implementation of UGC Scales of Pay in Government Medical Colleges

3285. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the question of implementing the UGC scales of pay in Government medical colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in what way Government propose to make that service more attractive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) University Grants Commission scales of pay have not been made applicable to the teaching cadre of Medical Colleges under the control of Central Government. Service maters of Central Health Service doctors including those in the teaching cadre of medical colleges, are reviewed from time to time and time-bound promotions have been allowed in the cadre.

Aids-Hepatitis testing facility in Nagpur

3286. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) total number of Government and private blood banks operating in Nagpur, Maharashtra as on date, with details;

(b) whether all of them have the AIDS, and Hepatitis testing facilities therein; and

(c) if not, what remedial action Government propose to take to ensure that the blood banks in Nagpur supply AIDS and Hepatitis free blood to the needy patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Total 13 Government and private blood banks are operating as on date in Nagpur, Maharashtra, viz.,

GOVERNMENT

1. Daga Memorial Blood Bank, Nagpur.
2. E.S.I.S. Blood Bank, Nagpur.
3. Indira Gandhi Medical College, Nagpur.
4. Government Medical College, Nagpur.

PRIVATE

5. Yashodhan Clinic Blood Bank, Nagpur.
6. City Blood Bank, Nagpur.
7. Central Blood Bank, Nagpur.
8. National Blood Bank, Nagpur.
9. Dr. Wankar Blood Bank, Nagpur.
10. Sainath Blood Bank, Nagpur.

TRUST/VOLUNTARY

11. Mure Memorial Hospital Blood Bank, Nagpur, (Trust).
12. Radhakrishna Charitable Hospital, Nagpur. (Trust).
13. Dr. Hegadewar Blood Bank, Nagpur. (Voluntary).

(b) and (c) All the 13 Blood Banks in Nagpur have the testing facilities for AIDS and Hepatitis.